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## John E. Ryerson, 66, Dies; Counsel, Editor for Kiplinger

John E. Ryerson, 66, senior editor of the Kiplinger Letters and secretary of the Kiplinger Corporation, died yesterday in Sibley Memorial Hospital after an illness of two months.

. He had been with Kiplinger since 1933 and had covered virtually every area of. government for the weekly Washington newsletter. He, was editor of the biweekly Kiplinger Tax Letter for 13 years and chief-of-staff of the Washington Letter during various periods.

A trustee and former chairman of the Kiplinger Pension Trust, Mr. Ryerson had devoted much of his time in recent years to corporate affairs. He was a 3% legal counsel to the company and a trustee of the Kiplinger Foundation.

He worked closely with the late W. M. Kiplinger, founder of the Washington letters, in creating the



ter, a graduate study program for journalists, and was active in setting up its programs. He was the center's secretary and a trustee,

lifelong resident Washington, he attended the former Central High School and the University of Maryland. He received a law degree from George Washington University in 1933.

Mr. Ryerson spoke often before industrial, business and civic groups throughout the country on Washington affairs, including economics, politics, legislation and judicial matters.

He belonged to Sigma Delta Chi, the National Press Club, Columbia Country Club and the D.C. Bar Association. He served for seven years as member and chairman of the governing board of the National Cathedral School for Girls.

He is survived by his wife. Washington Journalism Cen- Marion Ziegler, of the home, The Irene, 4701 Willard Ave., Chevy Chase; a son, Jerry, of Englewood, N.J., and a daughter, Christina, of Bethesda.